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**Country:** Germany/Russia

**Subject:** Status of the Russian Draft and the Occupation of Germany; Partial Answer to WD Special Request #7, 1b and 1c, dated 12 November 1946

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**Evaluation:**

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1. Informant, a Soviet lieutenant

2. The lieutenant states that there is no draft in Russia according to set rules. All physically fit men are subject to military service. Informant's unit consists of men of various year classes and all professions. There has been no systematic demobilization of specialists. On the contrary, skilled workers are drafted from the Soviet factories at present.

3. Another informant, a Soviet non-commissioned officer of four years service, states that the release of skilled workers is subject to the discretion of the commanding officers. Released men, designated by higher authority, are sent to the heart of Russia. Such men technically still belong to the army. However, they must remain in assigned posts and may not visit their families.

4. No man actually is released from the army even though he wears civilian clothes in Germany. He still is classified as a soldier and not a civilian worker. Most of such individuals are officers.

5. Like the lieutenant, the NCO states that new troops of all year classes are being sent to the Russian Zone.

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